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Sir:

## **DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

- I, David Kaes, of Toms River, New Jersey, declare as follows:
- 1. I am Associate Engineer at Osteotech, Inc. and am an inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in United States patent application Serial No. 10/735,135, filed December 12, 2003, and entitled "FORMABLE AND SETTABLE POLYMER BONE COMPOSITE AND METHOD OF PRODUCTION THEREOF".
- 2. This Declaration is presented for the purpose of removing from consideration by the Examiner a reference by Boyce *et al.*, entitled "Osteogenic Implants Derived from Bone," U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/973,597, filed October 9, 2001 (the '597 application). The present Declaration is presented in accordance with *In re Katz*, 687 F.2d 450, 215 USPQ 14 (CCPA 1982) and establishes that the allegedly anticipatory material in the '597 application was not invented by another.
- 3. I am an inventor on the instant application and am also an inventor on the '597 application.

